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STATUS OF RATIFICATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION

Note by the secretariat

1. The text of the Convention was adopted at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Headquarters, Paris on 17 June 1994; it was open for signature at Paris on 14 and 15 October 1994, and thereafter at the United Nations Headquarters in New York until 13 October 1995. By that date, the Convention had received 115 signatures. The Convention entered into force on 26 December 1996. Those States that have not signed the Convention may accede to it at any time.

2. For the States that ratify, accept or approve the Convention or accede thereto after the date of entry into force, the Convention shall enter into force on the ninetieth day after the date of the deposit by such State of its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.

3. This document contains information concerning dates of signature and ratification received by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as Depositary, as at 23 November 1999.

4. The information is presented in two tables. The first lists all Parties to the Convention as at 23 November 1999 in alphabetical order.

5. The second list shows the general status of ratification of the Convention. The dates in the column on ratification are those of the receipt of the instrument of ratification or accession by the Depositary.

6. For the purpose of this document, all references to ratification include information on accession, acceptance and approval of the Convention.

PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION
(As of 23 November 1999)

1. Afghanistan
2. Algeria
3. Angola
4. Antigua and Barbuda
5. Argentina
6. Armenia
7. Austria
8. Azerbaijan
9. Bahrain
10. Bangladesh
11. Barbados
12. Belgium
13. Belize
14. Benin
15. Bolivia
16. Botswana
17. Brazil
18. Burkina Faso
19. Burundi
20. Cambodia
21. Cameroon
22. Canada
23. Cape Verde
24. Central African Republic
25. Chad
26. Chile
27. China
28. Colombia
29. Comoros
30. Congo
31. Cook Islands
32. Costa Rica
33. Côte d'Ivoire
34. Cuba
35. Democratic Republic of the Congo
36. Denmark
37. Djibouti
38. Dominica
39. Dominican Republic
40. Ecuador
41. Egypt
42. El Salvador
43. Equatorial Guinea
44. Eritrea
45. Ethiopia
46. European Community
47. Fiji
48. Finland
49. France
50. Gabon
51. Gambia
52. Georgia
53. Germany
54. Ghana
55. Greece
56. Grenada
57. Guatemala
58. Guinea
59. Guinea-Bissau
60. Guyana
61. Haiti
62. Honduras
63. Hungary
64. Iceland
65. India
66. Indonesia
67. Iran (Islamic Republic of)
68. Ireland
69. Israel
70. Italy
71. Jamaica
72. Japan
73. Jordan
74. Kazakhstan
75. Kenya
76. Kiribati
77. Kuwait
78. Kyrgyzstan
79. Lao People's Democratic Republic
80. Lebanon
81. Lesotho
82. Liberia
83. Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
84. Luxembourg
85. Madagascar
86. Malawi
87. Malaysia
88. Mali
89. Malta
90. Marshall Islands
91. Mauritania
92. Mauritius
93. Mexico
94. Micronesia (Federated States of)
95. Monaco
96. Mongolia
97. Morocco
98. Mozambique
99. Myanmar
100. Namibia
101. Nauru
102. Nepal
103. Netherlands
104. Nicaragua
105. Niue
106. Niger
107. Nigeria
108. Norway
109. Oman
110. Pakistan
111. Palau
112. Panama
113. Paraguay
114. Peru
115. Portugal
116. Qatar
117. Republic of Korea
118. Republic of Moldova
119. Romania
120. Rwanda
121. Saint Kitts and Nevis
122. Saint Lucia
123. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
124. Samoa
125. San Marino
126. Sao Tome and Principe
127. Saudi Arabia
128. Senegal
129. Seychelles
130. Sierra Leone
131. Singapore
132. Solomon Islands
133. South Africa
134. Spain
135. Sri Lanka
136. Sudan
137. Swaziland
138. Sweden
139. Switzerland
140. Syrian Arab Republic
141. Tajikistan
142. Togo
143. Tonga
144. Tunisia
145. Turkey
146. Turkmenistan
147. Tuvalu
148. Uganda
149. United Arab Emirates
150. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
151. United Republic of Tanzania
152. Uruguay
153. Uzbekistan
154. Vanuatu
155. Venezuela
156. Viet Nam
157. Yemen
158. Zambia
159. Zimbabwe

STATUS OF RATIFICATION
(R=ratification, Ac=accession, At=acceptance)

Country	Signature	Ratification	Entry into force	Remarks
1. Afghanistan		01/11/95(Ac)	26/12/96	
2. Algeria	14/10/94	22/05/96(R)	26/12/96	(1)
3. Angola	14/10/94	30/06/97(R)	28/09/97	
4. Antigua and Barbuda	04/04/95	06/06/97(R)	04/09/97	
5. Argentina	15/10/94	06/01/97(R)	06/04/97	
6. Armenia	14/10/94	02/07/97(R)	30/09/97	
7. Australia	14/10/94			
8. Austria		02/06/97(Ac)	31/08/97	(2)
9. Azerbaijan		10/08/98(Ac)	08/11/98	
10. Bahrain		14/07/97(Ac)	12/10/97	
11. Bangladesh	14/10/94	26/01/96(R)	26/12/96	
12. Barbados		14/05/97(Ac)	12/08/97	
13. Belgium		30/06/97(Ac)	28/09/97	
14. Belize		23/07/98(Ac)	21/10/98	
15. Benin	14/10/94	29/08/96(R)	26/12/96	
16. Bolivia	14/10/94	01/08/96(R)	26/12/96	
17. Botswana	12/10/95	11/09/96(R)	26/12/96	
18. Brazil	14/10/94	25/06/97(R)	23/09/97	
19. Burkina Faso	14/10/94	26/01/96(R)	26/12/96	
20. Burundi	14/10/94	06/01/97(R)	06/04/97	
21. Cambodia	15/10/94	18/08/97(R)	16/11/97	
22. Cameroon	14/10/94	29/05/97(R)	27/08/97	
23. Canada	14/10/94	01/12/95(R)	26/12/96	
24. Cape Verde	14/10/94	08/05/95(R)	26/12/96	
25. Central African Republic	14/10/94	05/09/96(R)	26/12/96	
26. Chad	14/10/94	27/09/96(R)	26/12/96	
27. Chile	03/03/95	11/11/97(R)	09/01/98	
28. China	14/10/94	18/02/97(R)	19/05/97	
29. Colombia	14/10/94	08/06/99(R)	06/09/99	
30. Comoros	14/10/94	03/03/98(R)	01/06/98	
31. Congo	15/10/94	12/07/99(R)	11/10/99	
32. Cook Islands		21/08/98(Ac)	19/11/98	
33. Costa Rica	15/10/94	05/01/98(R)	05/04/98	
34. Côte d'Ivoire	15/10/94	04/03/97(R)	02/06/97	

35. Croatia	15/10/94			
36. Cuba	15/10/94	13/03/97(R)	11/06/97	
37. Democratic Republic of the Congo	14/10/94	12/09/97(R)	11/11/97	
38. Denmark	15/10/94	22/12/95(R)	26/12/96	
39. Djibouti	15/10/94	12/06/97(R)	10/08/97	
40. Dominica		08/12/97(Ac)	08/03/98	
41. Dominican Republic		26/06/97(Ac)	24/09/97	
42. Ecuador	19/01/95	06/09/95(R)	26/12/96	
43. Egypt	14/10/94	07/07/95(R)	26/12/96	
44. El Salvador		27/06/97(Ac)	25/09/97	
45. Equatorial Guinea	14/10/94	27/06/97(R)	25/09/97	
46. Eritrea	14/10/94	14/08/96(R)	26/12/96	
47. Ethiopia	15/10/94	27/06/97(R)	25/09/97	
48. Fiji		26/08/98(Ac)	24/11/98	
49. Finland	15/10/94	20/09/95(At)	26/12/96	
50. France	14/10/94	12/06/97(R)	10/09/98	
51. Gabon		06/09/96(Ac)	26/12/96	
52. Gambia	14/10/94	11/06/96(R)	26/12/96	
53. Georgia	15/10/94	23/07/99(R)	21/10/99	
54. Germany	14/10/94	10/07/96(R)	26/12/96	
55. Ghana	15/10/94	27/12/96(R)	27/03/97	
56. Greece	14/10/94	05/05/97(R)	03/08/97	
57. Grenada		28/05/97(Ac)	25/09/97	
58. Guatemala		10/09/98(Ac)	09/12/98	(3)
59. Guinea	14/10/94	23/06/97(R)	21/09/97	
60. Guinea-Bissau	15/10/94	27/10/95(R)	26/12/96	
61. Guyana		26/06/97(Ac)	24/09/97	
62. Haiti	15/10/94	25/09/96(R)	26/12/96	
63. Honduras	22/02/95	25/06/97(R)	23/09/97	
64. Hungary		13/07/99(Ac)	11/10/99	
65. Iceland		03/06/97(Ac)	01/09/97	
66. India	14/10/94	17/12/96(R)	17/03/97	
67. Indonesia	15/10/94	31/08/98(R)	29/11/98	
68. Iran (Islamic Republic of)	14/10/94	29/04/97(R)	28/07/97	
69. Ireland	15/10/94	31/07/97(R)	29/10/97	
70. Israel	14/10/94	26/03/96(R)	26/12/96	
71. Italy	14/10/94	23/06/97(R)	21/09/97	
72. Jamaica		12/11/97(Ac)	12/03/98	

73. Japan	14/10/94	11/09/98(Ac)	10/12/98	
74. Jordan	13/04/95	21/10/96(R)	19/01/97	
75. Kazakhstan	14/10/94	09/07/97(R)	07/10/97	
76. Kenya	14710/94	24/06/97(R)	22/09/97	
77. Kiribati		08/09/98(Ac)	07/12/98	
78. Kyrgyzstan		19/09/97(Ac)	18/12/97	
79. Kuwait	22/09/95	27/06/97(R)	25/09/97	(4)
80. Lao People's Democratic Republic	30/08/95	20/09/96(At)	26/12/96	
81. Lebanon	14/10/94	16/05/96(R)	26/12/96	
82. Lesotho	15/10/94	12/09/95(R)	26/12/96	
83. Liberia		02/03/98(Ac)	31/05/98	
84. Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	15/10/94	22/07/96(R)	26/12/96	
85. Luxembourg	14/10/94	04/02/97(R)	05/05/97	
86. Madagascar	14/10/94	25/06/97(R)	23/09/97	
87. Malaysia	06/10/95	25/06/97(R)	23/09/97	
88. Malawi	17/01/95	13/06/96(R)	26/12/96	
89. Mali	15/10/94	31/10/95(R)	26/12/96	
90. Malta	15/10/94	30/01/98(R)	30/04/98	
91. Marshall Islands		02/06/98(Ac)	31/08/98	
92. Mauritania	14/10/94	07/08/96(R)	26/12/96	
93. Mauritius	17/03/95	23/01/96(R)	26/12/96	
94. Mexico	15/10/94	03/04/95(R)	26/12/96	
95. Micronesia (Federated States of)	12/12/94	25/03/96(R)	26/12/96	
96. Monaco		05/03/99(Ac)	03/06/99	
97. Mongolia	15/10/94	03/09/96(R)	26/12/96	
98. Morocco	15/10/94	07/11/96(R)	06/02/97	
99. Mozambique	28/09/95	13/03/97(R)	11/06/97	
100. Myanmar		02/01/97(Ac)	02/04/97	
101. Namibia	24/10/94	16/05/971R)	14/08/97	
102. Nauru		22/09/98(Ac)	21/12/98	
103. Nepal	12/10/95	15/10/96(R)	13/01/97	
104. Netherlands	15/10/94	27/06/95(At)	26/12/96	(5)(a)
105. Nicaragua	21/11/94	17/02/98(R)	18/05/98	
106. Niger	14/10/94	19/01/96(R)	26/12/96	
107. Nigeria	31/10/94	08/07/97(R)	06/10/97	
108. Niue		14/08/98(Ac)	12/11/98	
109. Norway	15/10/94	30/08/96(R)	26/12/96	

110. Oman		23/07/96(Ac)	26/12/96	
111. Pakistan	15/10/94	24/02/97(R)	25/05/97	
112. Palau		15/06/99(Ac)	13/09/99	
113. Panama	22/02/95	04/04/96(R)	26/12/96	
114. Paraguay	01/12/94	15/01/97(R)	15/04/97	
115. Peru	15/10/94	09/11/95(R)	26/12/96	
116. Philippines	08/12/94			
117. Portugal	14/10/94	01/04/96(R)	26/12/96	
118. Qatar		15/03/99(Ac)	13/06/99	
119. Republic of Korea	14/10/94	17/08/99(R)	15/11/99	
120. Republic of Moldova		10/03/99(Ac)	08/06/99	
121. Romania		19/08/98(Ac)	17/11/98	
122. Rwanda	22/06/95	22/10/98(R)	20/01/99	
123. Saint Kitts and Nevis		30/06/97(Ac)	28/09/97	
124. Saint Lucia		02/07/97(Ac)	30/09/97	
125. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	15/10/94	16/03/98(R)	14/06/98	
126. Samoa		21/08/98(Ac)	19/11/98	
127. San Marino		23/07/99(Ac)	21/10/99	
128. Sao Tome and Principe	04/10/95	08/07/98(R)	06/10/98	
129. Saudi Arabia		25/06/97(Ac)	23/09/97	
130. Senegal	14/10/94	26/07/95(R)	26/12/96	
131. Seychelles	14/10/94	26/06/97(R)	24/09/97	
132. Sierra Leone	11/11/94	25/09/97(R)	24/12/97	
133. Singapore		26/04/99(Ac)	25/07/99	
134. Solomon Islands		16/04/99(Ac)	15/07/99	
135. South Africa	09/01/95	30/09/97(R)	29/12/97	
136. Spain	14/10/94	30/01/96(R)	26/12/96	
137. Sri Lanka		09/12/98(Ac)	09/03/99	
138. Sudan	15/10/94	24/11/95(R)	26/12/96	
139. Swaziland	27/07/95	07/10/96(R)	05/01/97	
140. Sweden	15/10/94	12/12/95(R)	26/12/96	
141. Switzerland	14/10/94	19/01/96(R)	26/12/96	
142. Syrian Arab Republic	15/10/94	10/06/97(R)	08/09/97	
143. Tajikistan		16/07/97(Ac)	14/10/97	
144. Togo	15/10/94	04/10/95(At)	26/12/96	
145. Tonga		25/09/98(Ac)	24/12/98	
146. Tunisia	14/10/94	11/10/95(R)	26/12/96	
147. Turkey	14/10/94	31/03/98(R)	29/06/98	

148. Turkmenistan	27/03/95	18/09/96(R)	26/12/96	
149. Tuvalu		14/09/98(Ac)	13/12/98	
150. Uganda	21/11/94	25/06/97(R)	23/09/97	
151. United Arab Emirates		21/10/98(Ac)	19/01/99	
152. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	14/10/94	18/10/96(R)	16/01/97	(b)
153. United Republic of Tanzania	14/10/94	19/06/97(R)	17/09/97	
154. United States of America	14/10/94			
155. Uruguay		17/02/99(Ac)	18/05/99	
156. Uzbekistan	07/12/94	31/10/95(R)	26/12/96	
157. Vanuatu	28/09/95	10/08/99(R)	08/11/99	
158. Venezuela		29/06/98(Ac)	27/09/98	
159. Viet Nam		25/08/98(Ac)	23/11/98	
160. Yemen		14/01/97(Ac)	14/04/97	
161. Zambia	15/10/94	19/09/96(R)	26/12/96	
162. Zimbabwe	15/10/94	23/09/97(R)	22/12/97	
Regional economic integration organization				
European Community	14/10/94	26/03/98(R)	24/06/98	
TOTAL	115	159		

Declarations:

(1) ALGERIA

The People's Democratic Republic of Algeria does not consider itself bound by the provisions of article 28, paragraph 2, of the [said Convention], to the effect that any dispute must be submitted to the International Court of Justice.

The People's Democratic Republic of Algeria declares that for a dispute submitted to the International Court of Justice, the consent of both parties will be necessary in each case.

(2) AUSTRIA

"The Republic of Austria declares in accordance with article 28 of the Convention that it accepts both of the means of dispute in paragraph 2 as compulsory in relation to any Party accepting an obligation concerning one or both of these means of dispute settlement."

(3) GUATEMALA

"The Republic of Guatemala declares that, in respect of any dispute concerning the interpretation or application of the Convention, it recognizes arbitration in accordance with procedures adopted by the Conference of the Parties in an annex as soon as practicable as a means of dispute settlement, compulsory in relation to any Party accepting the same obligation. This declaration shall remain in force until three months after written notice of its revocation has been deposited with the Depositary."

(4) KUWAIT

With respect to the State of Kuwait, any additional regional implementation annex or any amendment to any regional implementation annex shall enter into force only upon the deposit of its instrument of ratification or accession with respect thereto.

(5) NETHERLANDS

"The Kingdom of the Netherlands declares, in accordance with paragraph 2 of article 28 of [the said Convention] that it accepts both means of dispute settlement referred to in that paragraph as compulsory in relation to any party accepting one or both of these means of dispute settlement."

Notes:

(a) For the Kingdom in Europe.

(b) For the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the British Virgin Islands, St. Helena and Ascension Island. Subsequently, on 24 December 1996, the Government of the United Kingdom notified the Secretary-General that the Convention would apply to Montserrat.